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UPDATE ON ROUTE 101 PAVEMENT REPAIRS THROUGH UKIAH IN MENDOCINO COUNTY

Eureka – Caltrans announced today that pavement repairs on Route 101 from just south of Ukiah to just north of West Road in Redwood Valley are proceeding on schedule. Repaving the inside shoulders has been completed and work has begun to replace sections of concrete pavement. The repairs are entirely financed by President Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act). Work is anticipated to be completed by fall 2011.

Current work is occurring in the number two, or slow, lane. Motorists are encouraged to use the newly paved inside shoulder to provide more room between their vehicles and the cones, which will also move them farther from Caltrans and contractor employees.

The asphalt used to repave the inside shoulders included approximately 200 tons of ground up asphalt shingles (about 200,000 shingles). This is first time Caltrans has recycled shingles into pavement.

Traffic will be restricted to one lane in each direction of travel 24 hours per day from 8PM Sunday evening to 3PM Friday afternoon. Motorists may experience minor traffic slowdowns. There will be no lane closures from Friday afternoon to Sunday evening.

Motorists are urged to drive with caution and obey reduced speeds which will be in effect during work hours. In areas with traffic control the speed limit will be reduced to 55 mph. Near active work areas the speed limit will be further reduced to 45 mph.

Under Governor Schwarzenegger's leadership, California has obligated nearly \$2.5 billion in Recovery Act funding obligated to 965 highway, local street, and job training transportation projects statewide. For more information on the Recovery Act visit: <http://recovery.ca.gov/>

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